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SEP 21 2007

Marcy Leavitt, Chief
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 State of New Mexico Environment Department
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Re: Approval of the WQCC-Approved TMDL for the Canadian River Watershed-Part 1 (Mora River to the Colorado Border)

Dear Ms. Leavitt:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6 has reviewed the final total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) transmitted to Miguel Flores on August 21, 2007, for the Canadian River watershed. Following our review and evaluation of this TMDL package developed by the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for specific conductance, temperature, nutrients, and sedimentation in the segments Canadian River watershed, EPA is pleased to approve the following TMDLs:

Waterbody Name / 303(d) List ID	Pollutant
Caliente Canyon (NM-2306.A_151)	Total Dissolved Solids
Coyote Creek (NM-2306.A_020)	Total Dissolved Solids
Coyote Creek (NM-2306.A_020)	Temperature
Little Coyote Creek (NM-2306.A_024)	Total Phosphorus / Total Nitrogen
Mora River (NM-2306.A_005)	Total Phosphorus / Total Nitrogen
Mora River (NM-2306.A_000)	Total Dissolved Solids
Mora River (NM-2306.A_000)	Sedimentation
Sapello River (NM-2305.3.A_20)	Sedimentation
Vermejo River (NM-2305.A_220)	Total Dissolved Solids
Vermejo River (NM-2305.A_220)	Temperature
Vermejo River (NM-2305.A_230)	Temperature
York Canyon (NM-2306.A_153)	Total Dissolved Solids

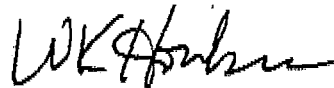
This approval action involves a total of 14 TMDLs for water quality limited segments on New Mexico's 2004 Section §303(d). Included in this TMDL submittal was a TMDL Implementation Plan. Presently, EPA has no duty to approve or disapprove implementation

plans under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Therefore, EPA is taking no action to approve or disapprove the TMDL Implementation Plans submitted by NMED.

We appreciated the opportunity to work closely with NMED throughout the development of these TMDLs. We have been impressed with the dedication and technical rigor which they have brought to this process. In particular, Shelly Lemon should be commended for her effort.

We look forward to implementation of these TMDLs, and Canadian River watershed. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (214) 665-7101, or you may call Curry Jones of my staff at (214) 665-6793.

Sincerely,



Miguel I. Flores

 Director,
Water Quality Protection Division

Enclosures